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Senator Bishop Disappointed in Governor's Public Safety Veto

(LANSING) – Senator Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, responded today to the governor's veto of Senate Bill 293, which provided for local governments public safety agencies to use the state-owned and operated communications towers.

“The communications towers operated by the State Police cost more than \$200 million to build,” said Bishop. “Signing into law SB 293, allowing local governments to use the existing system, would have been the fiscally responsible thing to do.”

Senate Bill 293 required the director of the Michigan Department of State Police to allow any governmental public safety agency to use the communications system, including attaching public safety communications equipment to existing tower.

“Governor Granholm has let the local government and public safety interest down. Many organizations supported this bill including the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, the County of Macomb and the Macomb County Sheriff, the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Townships Association to name a few.”